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In re Application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Majid et al. :  
Application No. 10/613,588 : DECISION GRANTING  
Filed: July 3, 2003 : PETITION  
Attorney Docket No. USAV2003/0110 :  
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This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.10, filed August 6, 2004, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of July 3, 2003, rather than the presently accorded filing date of July 5, 2003.

Petitioner asserted that petitioner deposited the above-identified application with the USPS using "Express Mail Service" on July 3, 2003. In support of the allegation, the petition is accompanied by a United States Postal Service Track & Confirm receipt indicating that a package bearing Express Mail label No. EL816576588US was accepted by the USPS on July 3, 2003, at 15:00, in Edison NJ 08899. The same Express Mail label number was placed on the original application papers located in the official file.

Accordingly, the petition is granted.

**The Office of Initial Patent Examination is directed to correct the filing date of the above-identified application to July 3, 2003, and to mail a corrected filing receipt.**

Telephone inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5589.

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